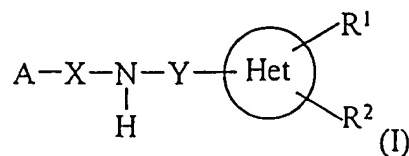


Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of ~~general~~ the formula (I)



in racemic, enantiomeric; or diastereoisomeric form ~~or~~ and all combinations of these forms, ~~in which~~ wherein

R^1 ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, ~~an~~ $-\text{OR}^3$, $-\text{SR}^3$, oxo ~~or~~ and cyclic acetal radical,

~~in which~~

R^3 ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, ~~an~~ alkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl ~~or~~ and aralkylcarbonyl radical,

~~in which~~ the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are unsubstituted or optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~

~~substituents chosen from:~~ member selected from the group consisting of
alkyl, -OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen ~~or~~ and -NR⁴R⁵;

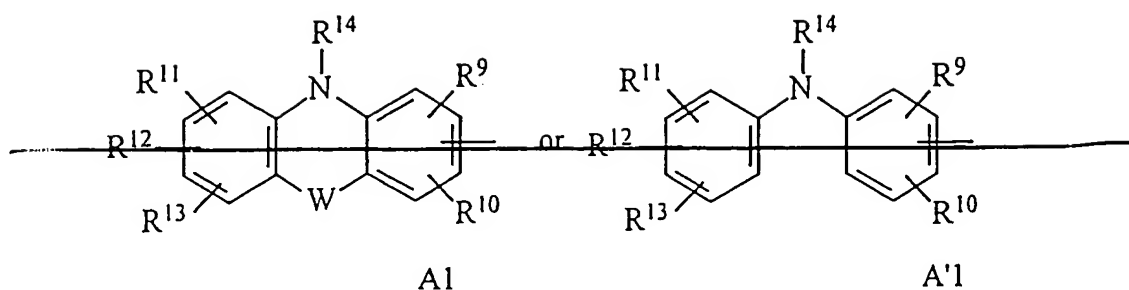
R⁴ and R⁵ ~~represent~~ are independently, a selected from the group consisting of
hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R⁴ and R⁵ together with the nitrogen
atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted
heterocycle,

R² ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl
~~or~~ and aralkyl radical, the aryl group being optionally unsubstituted or substituted
by at least one or more identical or different radicals chosen from: member
selected from the group consisting of -OR⁶, -NR⁷R⁸, halogen, cyano, nitro ~~or~~ and
alkyl,

~~in which~~ R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ ~~represent,~~ are independently, selected from the group
consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl
~~or~~ and aralkylcarbonyl radical,

A ~~represents~~ is a)

either an A1 or A'1 radical



in which $R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}$ represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, a halogen, the OH group, an alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro or $NR^{15}R^{16}$ radical,

R^{15} and R^{16} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a COR^{17} group, or R^{15} and R^{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R^{17} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or $NR^{18}R^{19}$ radical,

R^{18} and R^{19} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^{18} and R^{19} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R^{14} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a COR^{20} group,

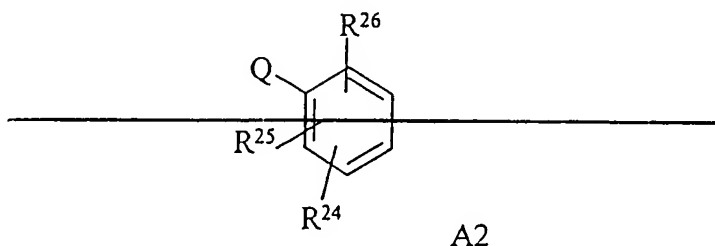
R^{20} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl or $NR^{21}R^{22}$ radical,

in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from alkyl, OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or NR^4R^5 ;

R^{21} and R^{22} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^{21} and R^{22} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle;

W represents a bond, O or S or also an NR^{23} radical, in which R^{23} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;

or an A2 radical



in which

R^{24} , R^{25} and R^{26} represent, independently, a hydrogen, a halogen, the OH or SR^{27} group, an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy radical or an $\text{NR}^{28}\text{R}^{29}$ radical;

R^{27} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;

~~R²⁸ and R²⁹ represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a COR³⁰ group, or R²⁸ and R²⁹ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle,~~

~~R³⁰ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or NR³¹R³² radical,~~

~~R³¹ and R³² represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R³¹ and R³² together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,~~

~~Q represents OR³³, SR³³, NR³⁴R³⁵ or an aryl radical substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: halogen, the OH group, an alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro or NR¹⁵R¹⁶ radical,~~

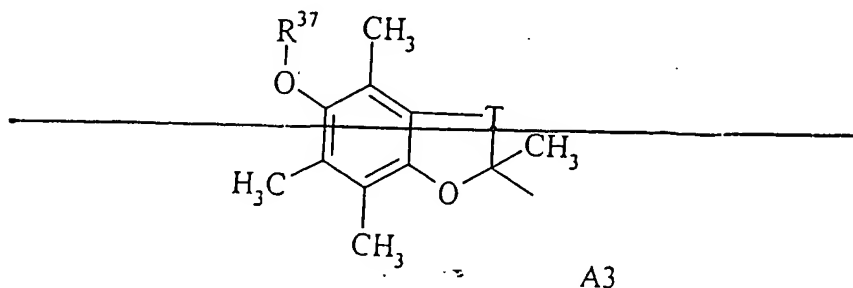
~~R³³ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or aralkylcarbonyl radical,~~

~~in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: alkyl, OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or NR⁴R⁵;~~

R^{34} and R^{35} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a CO-
 R^{36} radical, or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an
 optionally substituted heterocycle,

R^{36} representing an alkyl radical;

or an A3 radical

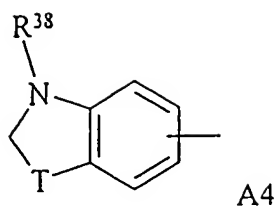


in which R^{37} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, arylalkyl,
 heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or aralkylcarbonyl radical,

in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally
 substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from:
 alkyl, OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or NR^4R^5 ;

T represents a $(CH_2)_m$ radical with $m = 1$ or 2 ;

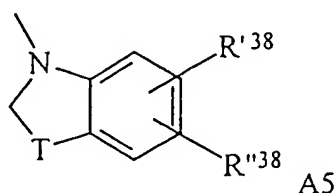
or an A[4]-radical is



in which R^{38} ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-NR^{39}R^{40}$ ~~or~~ and aralkyl radical, the aryl group being optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents ~~chosen from:~~ member selected from the group consisting of -OH, alkyl, halogen, nitro, alkoxy ~~or~~ and $-NR^{39}R^{40}$,

q being is an integer ~~comprised~~ between 2 and 6;

or an A5 radical;



~~in which~~ wherein R^{38} and R''^{38} ~~represent~~ are independently a selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, nitro, $-NR^{39}R^{40}$, an alkyl ~~or~~ and arylalkyl radical, the aryl group being optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one

~~or more identical or different substituents chosen from:~~ member selected from the group consisting of -OH, the alkyl, halogen, nitro, alkoxy or and -NR³⁹R⁴⁰ radicals,

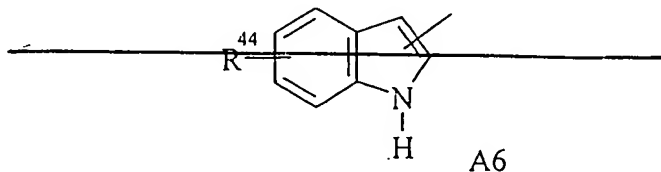
R³⁹, R⁴⁰, R³⁹ and R⁴⁰ ~~represent,~~ are independently, a selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a and -COR⁴¹ group, or R³⁹ and R⁴⁰ or R³⁹ and R⁴⁰ together with the nitrogen atom form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R⁴¹ ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or and -NR⁴²R⁴³ radical,

R⁴² and R⁴³ ~~represent,~~ are independently, a selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R⁴² and R⁴³ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

T ~~representing a~~ is -(CH₂)_m- radical with m = 1 or 2,

~~or finally an A6 radical~~



in which R^{44} represents a hydrogen atom, the OH group or an alkyl or alkoxy radical;

X represents is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-$, $(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-D-CO-$, $-CO-N(R^{45})-D-CO-$, $-CO-D-CO-$, $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_n-$, $CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-C(R^{46}R^{47})-CO-$, $-O-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-$, $NH-C(R^{46}R^{47})-CO-$, $-CO-N(R^{45})-C(R^{46}R^{47})-CO-$, $-S-(CH_2)_n-CO-$ or and $-Z-CO-$;

D represents a is phenylene radical optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different radicals chosen from member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, $-OH$, nitro, halogen, cyano, or and carboxyl optionally esterified by an alkyl radical ;

Z represents is a heterocycle,

R^{45} represents a is hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,

R^{46} and R^{47} represent, are independently, a selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl or and aralkyl radical, the alkyl and aryl groups of which are optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: the member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-SH$, halogen, nitro, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aralkoxy, aryl-alkylthio, $-NR^{48}R^{49}$ and carboxyl group optionally esterified by an alkyl radical;

R^{48} and R^{49} ~~represent, are~~ independently, a selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, ~~an alkyl radical or a~~ and $-COR^{50}$ group, or R^{48} and R^{49} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle;

R^{50} ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, ~~an alkyl, alkoxy~~ or and $-NR^{51}R^{52}$ radical,

R^{51} and R^{52} ~~represent, are~~ independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^{51} and R^{52} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form an optionally substituted heterocycle;

n ~~being~~ is an integer ~~comprised~~ between 0 and 6;

Y ~~represents is~~ is $-(CH_2)_p-$, $-C(R^{53}R^{54})-(CH_2)_p$, and $-C(R^{53}R^{54})-CO-$;

R^{53} and R^{54} ~~represent, are~~ independently, a selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, ~~an alkyl radical, an~~ and aralkyl radical, the aryl group of which is ~~optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: the~~ member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, halogen, nitro, alkyl, alkoxy, and $-NR^{55}R^{56}$ group,

~~R⁵⁵ and R⁵⁶ represent, are independently, a selected from the group consisting of~~
~~hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a~~ and -COR⁵⁷ group, or R⁵⁵ and R⁵⁶ together with the
nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

~~R⁵⁷ represents a~~ is hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy ~~or~~ and -NR⁵⁶R⁵⁹ radical,

~~R⁵⁸ and R⁵⁹ represent, are independently, a selected from the group consisting of~~
~~hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R⁵⁸ and R⁵⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to~~
which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle;

~~p being~~ is an integer comprised between 0 and 6;

~~Het represents~~ is a heterocycle, and a pharmaceutically acceptable as well as the addition
~~salts salt with mineral and organic acids or with mineral and organic bases of said~~
~~compounds of general formula (I) thereof,~~

~~with the exception of the compounds of formula (I) in which when Het represents~~
~~tetrahydrofuran or tetrahydropyran, R¹ represents the OR³ radical with R³ representing a~~
~~hydrogen atom, an alkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl radical, the~~
~~heterocycloalkyl radical of which is connected by a carbon atom, alkylcarbonyl,~~
~~arylcabonyl or aralkylcarbonyl radical, R² represents a hydrogen and Y represents the~~
~~-(CH₂)_p- radical with p = 0, then X does not represent~~ X is -CO-N(R⁴⁵)-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO-
with R⁴⁵ = R⁴⁶ = H.

Claim 2 (currently amended) ~~Compounds according to~~ A compound of claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ Het ~~represents is~~ a monocyclic radical ~~containing of~~ 1 to 2
heteroatoms ~~chosen from~~ selected from the group consisting of O and N.

Claim 3 (currently amended) ~~Compounds according to one of claims 1 to 2,~~
~~characterized in that~~ A compound of claim 1 wherein Het ~~represents is~~ selected from the
group consisting of tetrahydrofuran, dioxolane, pyrrolidine, and 1,3-oxazolidine, and R¹
~~represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, the -OR³ ~~or~~ and
oxo radical.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~Compounds according to one of the previous claims~~
~~characterized in that~~ A compound of claim 1 wherein X ~~represents is~~ selected from the
group consisting of -(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-CO-, -O-(CH₂)_n-CO-, -CO-N(R⁴⁵)-D-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-
CO-(CH₂)_n-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-CO-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-CO-NH-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-
(CH₂)_n-CO-, -CO-N(R⁴⁵)-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO ~~or~~ and -Z-CO-.

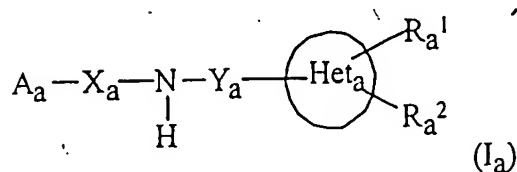
Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~Compounds according to~~ A compound of claim 4,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁷ ~~represent the~~ are hydrogen atom, R⁴⁶ ~~represents~~
~~the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl or phenyl radical, D
~~represents the~~ phenylene radical and Z ~~represents the~~ is thiazole radical.

Claim 6 (currently amended) ~~Compounds according to one of the previous claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ A compound of claim 1 wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or
an aralkyl radical, and preferably benzyl.

Claim 7-10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended) ~~Pharmaceutical compositions~~ A pharmaceutical
composition for inhibition of calpains and/or reactive oxygen species comprising, as
active ingredient, at least one medicament as defined in claim 10 a calpain inhibiting or
reactive oxygen species amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutical carrier

Claim 12 (currently amended) ~~Use of compound of formula (I_a) as defined above,~~ A
method of inhibiting calpain and/or reactive oxygen species in warm-blooded animals
comprising administering to warm-blooded animals in need thereof a calpain inhibiting
amount and/or reactive oxygen species inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula



in racemic, enantiomeric, diastereoisomeric form or all combinations of these forms, in
 which

~~wherein R_a^1 represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an $-OR^3$, $-SR^3$, oxo or and cyclic acetal radical,

~~in which R^3 represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or and aralkylcarbonyl radical,

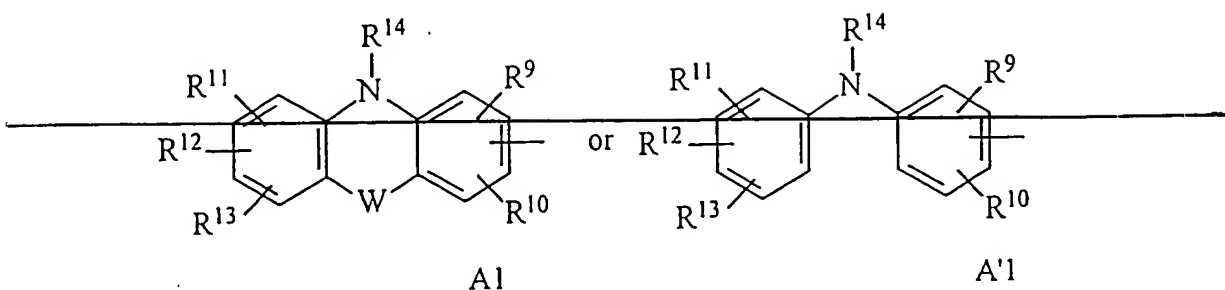
in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, $-OH$, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or and $-NR^4R^5$;

R^4 and R^5 ~~represent are,~~ independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^4 and R^5 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R_a^2 ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl or and aralkyl radical, the aryl group being optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different radicals chosen from: member selected from the group consisting of $-OR^6$, $-NR^7R^8$, halogen, cyano, nitro or and alkyl,

~~in which R^6 , R^7 and R^8 represent,~~ are independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or and aralkylcarbonyl radical;

A_a —represents

~~either an A1 or A'1 radical~~

in which $R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}$ represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, a halogen, the OH group, an alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro or $NR^{15}R^{16}$ radical,

~~R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a COR¹⁷ group, or R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,~~

~~R¹⁷ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or NR¹⁸R¹⁹ radical,~~

~~R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle;~~

R^{14} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a COR^{20} group,

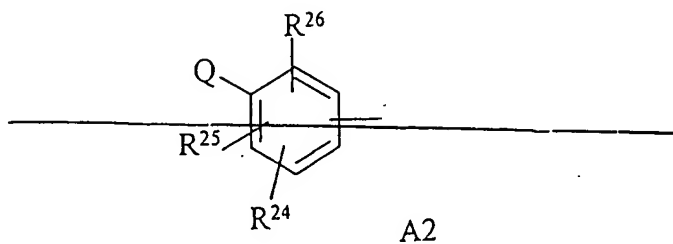
R^{20} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl or $NR^{21}R^{22}$ radical,

in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: alkyl, OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or NR^4R^5 ;

R^{21} and R^{22} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^{21} and R^{22} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

W represents a bond, O, or S or also an NR^{23} radical, in which, R^{23} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;

or an A2 radical



in which

R^{24} , R^{25} and R^{26} represent, independently, a hydrogen, a halogen, the OH or SR^{27} group, an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy radical or an $NR^{28}R^{29}$ radical,

R^{27} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,

R^{28} and R^{29} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a COR^{30} group, or R^{28} and R^{29} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R^{30} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or $NR^{31}R^{32}$ radical,

R^{31} and R^{32} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^{31} and R^{32} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

Q represents OR^{33} , SR^{33} , $NR^{34}R^{35}$ or an aryl radical substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: halogen, the OH group, an alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro or $NR^{15}R^{16}$ radical,

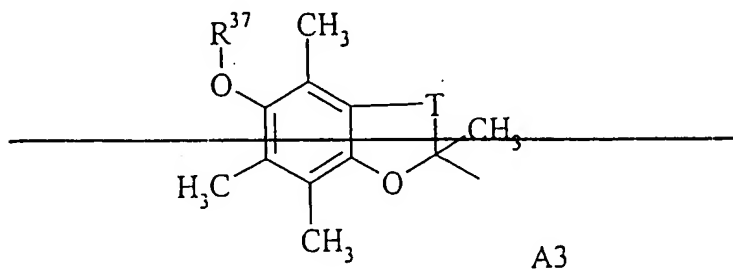
R^{33} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or aralkylcarbonyl radical,

in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: alkyl, OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or NR^4R^5 ;

R^{34} and R^{35} represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a CO-R^{36} radical, or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R^{36} representing an alkyl radical;

or an A3 radical

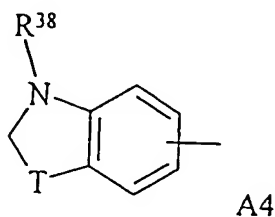


in which R^{37} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or aralkylcarbonyl radical,

in which the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals are optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: alkyl, OH, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or NR^4R^5 ;

~~T represents a $(CH_2)_m$ radical with $m = 1$ or 2 ;~~

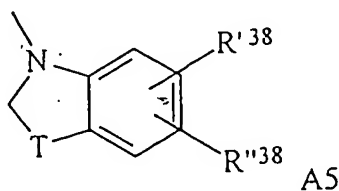
or a) an A4 radical A is



~~in which wherein R^{38} represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-NR^{39}R^{40}$ or and an aralkyl radical, the aryl group being optionally is unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: member selected from the group consisting of -OH, alkyl, halogen, nitro, alkoxy or and $-NR^{39}R^{40}$,

~~q being is an integer comprised between 2 and 6;~~

or an A5 radical b) A is



~~in which wherein~~ R^{38} and R^{38} ~~represent~~ are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, nitro, $-NR^{39}R^{40}$, an alkyl or and arylalkyl radical, the aryl group being optionally is unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, the alkyl, halogen, nitro, alkoxy or and $-NR^{39}R^{40}$ radicals,

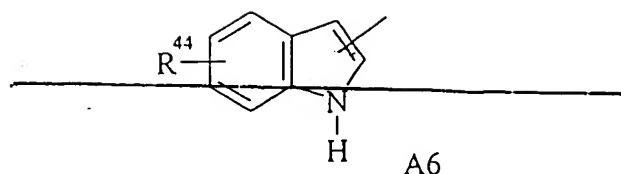
R^{39} , R^{40} , R^{39} and R^{40} ~~represent~~ are independently; selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a and $-COR^{41}$ group, or R^{39} and R^{40} or R^{39} and R^{40} together with the nitrogen atom form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R^{41} ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or and $-NR^{42}R^{43}$ radical,

R^{42} and R^{43} ~~represent~~ are independently; selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R^{42} and R^{43} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

~~T representing a~~ is $-(CH_2)_m-$ radical with $m = 1$ or 2 ,

~~or finally an A6 radical~~



in which R^{44} represents a hydrogen atom, the OH group or an alkyl or alkoxy radical;

X_a represents is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-$, $(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-D-CO-$, $-CO-N(R^{45})-D-CO-$, $-CO-D-CO-$, $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-C(R^{46}R^{47})-CO-$, $-O-(CH_2)_n-CO-$, $-N(R^{45})-CO-NH-C(R^{46}R^{47})-CO-$, $-CO-N(R^{45})-C(R^{46}R^{47})-CO-$, $-S-(CH_2)_n-CO-$ ~~or~~ and $-Z-CO-$;

D represents a is phenylene radical optionally unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different radicals chosen from member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, $-OH$, nitro, halogen, cyano ~~or~~ and carboxyl optionally esterified by an alkyl radical;

Z represents is a heterocycle,

R^{45} represents a is hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;

R^{46} and R^{47} represent, are independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl ~~or~~ and aralkyl radical, the alkyl and aryl groups ~~of which~~ are optionally

~~unsubstituted or substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: the member of the group consisting of~~ -OH, -SH, halogen, nitro, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aralkoxy, aryl-alkylthio, -NR⁴⁸R⁴⁹ and carboxyl ~~group optionally esterified by an alkyl radical;~~

R⁴⁸ and R⁴⁹ ~~represent, are independently, selected from the group consisting of~~ a hydrogen atom, ~~an alkyl radical or a~~ and -COR⁵⁰ ~~group~~, or R⁴⁸ and R⁴⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R⁵⁰ ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy ~~or~~ and -NR⁵¹R⁵² ~~radical,~~

R⁵¹ and R⁵² ~~represent, are independently, selected from the group consisting of~~ a hydrogen atom ~~or an alkyl radical,~~ or R⁵¹ and R⁵² together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle;

n ~~being~~ is an integer ~~comprised~~ between 0 and 6;

Y_a ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_p-, -C(R⁵³R⁵⁴)-
(CH₂)_p-, and -C(R⁵³R⁵⁴)-CO-;

R⁵³ and R⁵⁴ ~~represent, are independently, selected from the group consisting of~~ a hydrogen atom, ~~an alkyl radical, an~~ and aralkyl ~~radical,~~ the aryl group ~~of which is~~ unsubstituted or

substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from: the member selected from the group consisting of -OH group, halogen, nitro, alkyl, alkoxy and -NR⁵⁵R⁵⁶,

R⁵⁵ and R⁵⁶ ~~represent,~~ are independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a and -COR⁵⁷ group, or R⁵⁵ and R⁵⁶ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle,

R⁵⁷ ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkoxy or and -NR⁵⁸R⁵⁹ radical,

R⁵⁸ and R⁵⁹ ~~represent,~~ are independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or R⁵⁸ and R⁵⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted heterocycle;

p ~~being~~ is an integer ~~comprised~~ between 0 and 6;

Het_a ~~represents~~ is a heterocycle,

~~as well as~~ and pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts thereof with ~~mineral and organic acids or with mineral and organic bases of said compounds of general formula (I),~~

~~for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of pathologies where calpains and/or reactive oxygen species are involved.~~

Claims 13-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended) ~~Use of compounds of formula (I_a) according to one of claims 12 to 15, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 12 wherein Het represents is a monocyclic radical containing 1 to 2 heteroatoms ~~chosen from~~ of O and or N.

Claim 17 (currently amended) ~~Use of compounds of formula (I_a) according to one of claims 12 to 16, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 12 wherein Het represents is selected from the group consisting of tetrahydrofuran, dioxolane pyrrolidine, and 1,3-oxazolidine, and R¹ ~~represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, the -OR³ ~~or~~ and oxo radical.

Claim 18 (currently amended) ~~Use of compounds of formula (I_a) according to one of claims 12 to 17, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 12 wherein X represents the is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-CO-, -O-(CH₂)_n-CO-, -CO-N(R⁴⁵)-D-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-CO-(CH₂)_n-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-CO-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-CO-NH-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO-, -N(R⁴⁵)-(CH₂)_n-CO-, -CO-N(R⁴⁵)-C(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷)-CO ~~or~~ and -Z-CO-.

Claim 19 (currently amended) ~~Use of compounds of formula (I_a) according to claim 18, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 12 wherein R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁷ represent the are hydrogen

atom, R⁴⁶ ~~represents the~~ is hydrogen atom, an alkyl or and phenyl radical, D ~~represents the~~ is phenylene radical and Z ~~represents the~~ is thiazole radical.

Claim 20 (currently amended) ~~Use of compounds of formula (I_a) according to one of claims 12 to 19, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 12 wherein R² ~~represents a~~ is hydrogen atom or an aralkyl radical, and preferably benzyl.

Claims 21-24 (cancelled)